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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No
X	WO 00/35490 A (BUSCH, CHRISTER) 22 June 2000 (2000-06-22) claims 1,4,7,10 -----	1,5,7,17
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Y	<p>ZAHEER A ET AL: "IRDYE78 CONJUGATES FOR NEAR-INFRARED FLUORESCENCE IMAGING" MOLECULAR IMAGING, MIT PRESS,, US, vol. 1, no. 4, October 2002 (2002-10), pages 354-364, XP008029547 ISSN: 1535-3508 page 364; figure 3 abstract</p>	1,4-17
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons

- 1 ☒ Claims Nos
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely

Although claim 17 as far as related to the first invention is directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
- 2 ☐ Claims Nos
because they relate to parts of the *International Application* that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically
- 3 ☐ Claims Nos
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6 4(a)

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows

see additional sheet

- 1 ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims
- 2 ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee
- 3 ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos
- 4 ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims, it is covered by claims Nos

I, 4-17 (all partially)

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicants protest
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1, 4-17 in part

Imaging agent comprising serum albumin covalently conjugated to one or more infrared or near infrared fluorescent substances of formulas as depicted in claims 4, 11. Use of the same for imaging the lymphatic or circulatory system. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 2-9

2. claims: 1, 5-9, 17 in part

Imaging agent comprising serum albumin covalently conjugated to infrared or near infrared fluorescent substance DRAQ5N0. Use of the same for imaging the lymphatic or circulatory system.

Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1, 3-9

3. claims: 1, 5, 7-9, 17 in part

Imaging agent comprising serum albumin covalently conjugated to one or more infrared or near infrared fluorescent semiconductor nanocrystals (quantum dots). Use of the same for imaging the lymphatic or circulatory system.

Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1, 2, 4-9

4. claims: 2-17 in part

Imaging agent comprising serum albumin that is admixed to one or more infrared or near infrared fluorescent substances of formulas as depicted in claims 4, 11. Use of the same for imaging the lymphatic or circulatory system.

Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-3, 5-9.

5. claims: 2, 3, 5-9, 17 in part

Imaging agent comprising serum albumin that is admixed to infrared or near infrared fluorescent substance DRAQ5N0. Use of the same for imaging the lymphatic or circulatory system.

Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-4, 6-9.

6. claims: 2, 3, 5, 7-9, 17 in part

Imaging agent comprising serum albumin that is admixed to one or more infrared or near infrared fluorescent semiconductor nanocrystals (quantum dots). Use of the same for imaging the lymphatic or circulatory system.

Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-5, 7-9.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

7. claims : 18-25 in part

Use of a fluorophore selected from indocyanine green IRDye 78, IRDye $\delta\delta$, IRDye3 δ , IRDye40, IRDye41, IRDye700, IRDye $\delta\delta\delta$, IRDye $\delta\delta\delta$ CW, Cy7, IR-786 for imaging the lymphatic system of an animal. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-6, 8, 9.

8. claims : 18-25 in part

Use of fluorophore DRAQ5N0 (N-oxide modified anthraquinone) for imaging the lymphatic system of an animal. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-7, 9.

9. claims: 18, 20-25 in part

Use of a fluorophore excluding indocyanine green, IRDye 78, IRDye $\delta\delta$, IRDye38, IRDye40, IRDye41, IRDye700, IRDye $\delta\delta\delta$, IRDye $\delta\delta\delta$ CW, Cy7, IR-786 or DRAQ5N0 for imaging the lymphatic system of an animal. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-8, for imaging the lymphatic system of an animal. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-8.

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